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1. FOLLOWING APPEARED ON P. 2 OF WASHINGTON POST MAY 15
AS PAID ADVERTISEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE COORDINATED
COUNTRY COMMENT ASAP.

QUOTE: FOR THE UNITED STATES' OWN SELF RESPECT, FOR THE
SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN SAUDI ARABIA AND FOR A REDRESS OF MY
OWN PERSONAL GRIEVANCES, I DEMAND A... UNITED STATES SENATE
INVESTIGATION OF THE ATTEMPTED 60,000 DOLS. EXTORTION FOR
THE RETURN OF MY ILLEGALLY SEIZED UNITED STATES PASSPORT,
OF ARTIFICIAL SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TRIAL IN ATTEMPT TO
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COVER UP THE EXTORTION PLOT, WHERE PERSONAL HARRASSMENT,
PERSECUTION AND HUMANLY CRUEL MEASURES WERE CONTINUALLY
USED AGAINST ME FOR BREAKING MY RESISTANCE AND SPIRIT
INCLUDING: MY BEING TAKEN TO JAIL ON SEVEN OCCASIONS;
IMPRISONED TWICE AND BEING HELD WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY OF
POSTING A CASH BOND FOR A TOTAL OF 153 DAYS (UNTIL I
ESCAPED MAY 7, 1978); HAVING MY PHONE CALLS MONITORED, MY

MAIL CENSORED, MY LIVING QUARTERS SEARCHED REGULARLY; AND BEING PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY SAUDI ARABIAN SECRET POLICE...

IN ADDITION TO BEING KEPT FROM MY FAMILY AND JOB FOR 153 DAYS, GREATLY DISTURBING MY PHYSICAL HEALTH AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE MATTER HAS ALSO COST MY COMPANY A FINANCIAL LOSS IN DAMAGES AND UNCOLLECTED INVOICES 182,000 DOLS. FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ATTEMPTED EXTORTION. IT APPEARS THAT THEY HAD THE COOPERATION AND ACQUIESCENCE OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER.

SAUDI ARABIAN OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS EMPHASIZED THAT I WOULD NEVER BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL I SIGNED A STATEMENT THAT I HAD BEEN TREATED FAIRLY AND ANOTHER STATEMENT FORGIVING AN 80,000 DOLS. DEBT FOR PAST DUE INVOICES OWED TO MY COMPANY BY FOUR INDIVIDUALS.

TYPICAL OF THE ATTITUDE AND ATMOSPHERE WAS A REMARK OF AN OFFICIAL DURING THE ATTEMPTED COVER UP "99 PERCENT OF THE AMERICANS IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE CROOKS AND CHEATERS." JOHN L. MCDONALD, 88319 HOWARD DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079 AC 713-649-2723. END QUOTE. VANCE

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